

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7, 8, 11, 16, 17 and 18 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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1. (Amended) A vaccine comprising an antigen and a fatty acid or fatty acid-peptide carrier compound which are directly linked by a thioester or a disulfide bond that is labile and dissociates under physiological conditions.

2. (Amended) The vaccine according to claim 1, wherein said antigen dissociates from said fatty acid-peptide carrier compound after administration of the vaccine to a subject.

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3. (Twice amended) The vaccine according to claim 1, wherein said antigen is a protein, a polypeptide, a synthetic peptide, a carbohydrate, or a hapten.

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4. (Amended) The vaccine according to claim 3, wherein the antigen is a synthetic peptide.

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5. (Twice amended) The vaccine according to claim 1, wherein the fatty acid is palmitic acid.

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6. (Amended three times) The vaccine according to claim 4, wherein the synthetic peptide consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

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9. (Twice amended) The vaccine according to claim 1, wherein the antigen is a peptide and the carrier compound is another copy of said peptide coupled to a fatty acid.

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10. (Amended) The vaccine according to claim 9, wherein the carrier compound is an N-palmitoylated peptide.

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12. (Twice amended) The vaccine according to claim 1 together with a pharmaceutically acceptable compound or adjuvant.

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13. (Amended) A composition comprising a synthetic peptide directly linked with a thioester bond to a fatty acid.

14. (Amended) The composition according to claim 13, wherein the fatty acid is palmitic acid.

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15. (Amended three times) The composition according to claim 13, wherein the peptide is SEQ ID NO: 1.

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19. (Amended) A method for producing an immunogenic preparation comprising directly linking a synthetic peptide with a fatty acid or fatty acid-peptide carrier compound via a thioester or disulfide bond that is labile and dissociates under physiological conditions.

20. (Amended) The method according to claim 19, wherein the fatty acid is palmitic acid.

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21. (Twice Amended) The method according to claim 19, wherein the peptide is SEQ ID NO: 1.

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23. (Amended) A vaccine comprising an immunogenic preparation according to claim 22 together with a pharmaceutically acceptable compound or adjuvant.